



# THE PENANG BAR'S SOCIAL & MEMBERS WELFARE SUBCOMMITTEE

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## SISTERS AT THE BAR: POWER, SUPPORT AND PROGRESS IN LEGAL PRACTICE

In conjunction with International Women's Day 2026, Members and Pupils are invited to a thought-provoking and empowering afternoon session with Santhi Latha.

 **FRIDAY, 17 APRIL 2026**

 **3:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.**

 **TANAH AINA CAFE, NO 6, JALAN GREEN HALL, 10200 GEORGE TOWN,  
PULAU PINANG**



This event will explore how women in the legal profession, across generations and practice areas, can intentionally shape more inclusive, supportive and resilient professional spaces for themselves and the people around them.

Drawing on leadership experience within the Bar and regional legal networks, Santhi will examine practical ways we can strengthen mentorship, navigate unspoken challenges, build professional confidence and foster collective progress.

This session is not only about reflection; it is about action.

It is an opportunity to connect meaningfully, exchange perspectives and consider how each of us can contribute to a stronger and more supportive legal community.

 **RM35 PER PERSON (COFFEE/TEA & LIGHT SNACKS INCLUDED)**

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The Speaker:  
Santhi Latha



Santhi Latha's career is dedicated to advancing professional development and leadership within the legal sector.

She served as Director of the Malaysian Bar Council's Continuing Professional Development Department for seven years, where she established a structured learning and development framework serving (at that time) more than 19,000 lawyers nationwide.

Since 2019, Santhi has been part of the Rajah & Tann Asia (RTA) network, where she leads the development of the RTA Academy. The Academy delivers virtual and in-person programmes, as well as online courses, supporting more than 1,000 legal and 500 business professionals across 10 countries. In January 2026, she took on the additional role of Director of Regional Operations at RTA.

Santhi remains actively engaged in the wider legal community. She has served on the Bar Council's Legal Profession Practical Course Committee (2017–present), Cyber and Privacy Laws Committee (2018–2026), Legal Tech, AI and Sandbox Committee (2021–2026), and Peer Support Network Committee (2019–2026). She also served as President of the Association of Women Lawyers (2021–2023) and was a member of its Executive Committee (2013–2026).

In 2022, she collated and edited *Summum Bonum: The Ultimate Good*, a biography chronicling the life of Dato' Mahadev Shankar, retired Judge of the Court of Appeal of Malaysia.

Her contributions have been widely recognised. Asia Law Portal named her one of the "30 People to Watch in the Business of Law in Asia" (2021) and one of the "30 Women Legal Innovators in Asia to Follow in 2022." She was also listed among Prestige Malaysia's "100 Women of Power 2022."